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The New School Law.

To the Chairman of the Township Boards of School Inspectors, and those designing to teach in Crawford County. It is important that the new law creating a County Board of School Examiners, and the relation of such Board to the Township Boards and the work of our common schools, and the teachers, with the mutual duties of each to the other be clearly and intelligently understood as possible from the outset.

The first thing to be understood, and we trust appreciated, is, that the object of the new law is to raise the character and work of our schools, and to do this in part by raising the character, qualifications, grade, and consequent influence and efficiency of the teachers, and a part of the object in creating a County Board of Examiners is to assist and encourage the Township School Boards and the teachers, as far as possible, in their duties, trials, or any exigencies that may arise. Keeping these facts in view will greatly assist and enlighten us in our mutual relations.

The first point of prominence in the new law, and the duties of the County Board of Examiners, relates to the examination of teachers. We desire this point to be understood:

This work is hereafter to be done by the County Board. They examine all applicants, and grant all certificates, (with the exceptions to be named), for teachers in the county. Certificates given by Township Superintendents previous to July 1st 1881, are valid for the time for which they were given. If given for one year, they are good for one year, unless annulled by the County Board for good and sufficient cause. But all certificates given by Township Superintendents between July 1st and August 2d 1881, are valid only for three months. State certificates, and certificates from the Normal School, still in force, are good in the county for the time they are given, unless revoked for cause; but are to be properly filed by the holder with the Secretary of the County Board.

The last Friday in October and March of each year are designated by law as the times for the two regular public examinations. In addition to these one or two special public examinations will be held. The only one thus far definitely arranged for will be held on the 2d day of November, in the School House of District No. 1, in the town of South Branch, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Examinations must satisfactorily be had in Orthography, Reading, Writing, Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, and the Theory and Art of Teaching, before certificates can be obtained. After this year, beginning with January 1st 1882, examinations will include the History of the United States, and Civil Government. Teachers will therefore please take special note of this fact. In cases where higher qualifications may be required, or additional branches are to be taught, the examinations will be extended to include such branches.

New grades of certificates have been created by the new law. These are for one, two, and three years, and all are of a higher rank than the old grades. Those for three years are of a very high order, and considered very honorable. Those of the third grade will rank as high as the former ones of the 2d grade. School boards as well as teachers will do well to remember this.

These certificates for one, two, or three years are all good throughout the county in which they are given.

Whenever an exigency arises requiring it, the Secretary of the County Board of Examiners may give a certificate valid only until the next meeting of the Board, and for the particular district for which the teacher is employed.

An Institute fee of \$1.00 from male, and 50¢ from female teachers must still be annually paid at the time of receiving a certificate.

The school year begins with the first Monday in September. Institute fees will be due and date from that time, even though twelve months may not have passed since the last fee was paid; but if any teacher receiving a certificate in this country can give good evidence of having paid their fee in another county within the school year, they will be exempt until the commencement of the next school year.

To secure cooperation and uniformity as far as possible in our county school work, and a full report of the character and condition of the schools and teachers, and also a thorough and systematic plan for visiting the schools by the members of the Town and County Boards. It is very much desired that all the Chairmen of the Township Boards be present at the Special Meeting of the County Board at Grayling, in the office of the County Clerk on the 16th of October next, at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

Not knowing whether this circular will meet all the questions that may arise in the minds of teachers and others, or whether we have elucidated all the points in the law desirable, we invite any communications and questions relating to it that may be desired by

others, and will cheerfully give any further information within our power and province.

In behalf of the County Board,
WM. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Michigan Central Railroad
SAGINAW DIVISION.
Time Table—May 25, 1879.

NORTHWARD		MAIL	SAGINAW	EXPRESS	THROUGH	FREIGHT
Jackson	Lv	7:00 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	6:00 a.m.		
River Junction		7:25	4:45	7:25		
W. M. Crossing		8:00	5:15	9:00		
Owosso		9:55	7:30	10:00		
Oakley		10:15	7:45	4:45		
Chesterfield		10:25	8:00	4:45		
St. Charles		10:45	8:15	5:05		
Tinabawasee		11:15	8:45	5:45		
Saginaw City		11:25	9:10	7:15 P.M.		
F. & P. M. Jan.		11:45	9:15	7:30		
Zilwaukee		11:50	9:25	7:40		
West Bay City		12:25	10:00			

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EXPRESS.....

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FRUITLAND

HURON

MICHIGAN CITY

MONROE

NEW LONDON

PORTAGE

PORTSMOUTH

ROCHESTER

SAUGINAW

SPRINGFIELD

ST. CLAIR

ST. JOSEPH

ST. MARYS

ST. THOMAS

ST. VICTOR

WHITE CLOUD

WHITEHORN

WILMINGTON

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